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1. REACTING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING LAST WEEK OF SEVERAL DISAPPEARANCES, VARIOUS AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENTS DENYING THE CHARGES AND ANNOUNCING THE ARREST FOR VARIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARED PERSONS. LABOR ACTIVIST MIGUEL ANGEL DEL PLA WAS RELEASED BY THE COURT IN CORDOBA ON JULY 4 AFTER BEING DETAINED TWO WEEKS. EDGARDO CASSANI WHOSE DISAPPEARANCE HAD BEEN DENOUNCED BY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, IS IN JAIL ON CHARGES OF DRUNKNESS AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS, ACCORDING TO A POLICE REPORT.

2. TWO OTHER RECENTLY ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCES WERE CLEARED UP THIS WEEK WHEN A FEDERAL JUDGE ANNOUNCED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS JUAN CARLOS INTERLANDI AND EVA LUZ KHAIRALLAH WERE ARRESTED AND INDICTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ARE BEING HELD PENDING TRIAL.
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